

APPENDIX - CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:

- a) from about 2% to about 10% ethylene propylene rubber
- b) from about 9.5% to about 16% styrenic block copolymer
- c) from about 24% to about 33% aliphatic hydrocarbons tackifying resin that is solid above about 37°C
- d) from about up to .5% anti-oxidant
- e) from about 15% to about 35% NaCMC (Low DS)
- f) from about 5% to about 20% pectin
- g) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with low softening point
- h) from about 3% to about 12% plasticizer
- i) from 0% to about 25% NaCMC (high DS)
- j) from 0% to about 6% powdered cellulose

wherein the probe tack force in grams is in the range of 400-750, saline absorbency is in the range of about 500-5000 g/m²/d, and tensile strength is in the range of about 500-3500 g/cm².

16. A pressure sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:

- a) from about 2% to about 20% ethylene propylene rubber
- b) from about 2% to about 16% styrenic block copolymer
- c) from about 14% – about 33% aliphatic hydrocarbons tackifying resin that is solid above about 37°C
- d) from 0% to about 0.5% anti-oxidant
- e) from about 10% to about 35% NaCMC with degree of substitution below 1.0
- f) from 0% to about 30.5% pectin
- g) from about 3% to about 12% plasticizer
- h) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with softening point below about 37°C
- i) from 0% to about 25% NaCMC with degree of substitution above 1.0
- j) from 0% to about 6% powdered cellulose

wherein the probe tack force in grams is in the range of 400-750, saline absorbency is in the range of about 500-5000 g/m²/d, and tensile strength is in the range of about 500-3500 g/cm².

20. A pressure-sensitive hydrocolloid adhesive for medical use comprising the following composition by percentage weight:
- a) from about 11.5% to about 36% of a hydrocolloid blend of ethylene propylene rubber and styrenic block copolymer
 - b) from about 24% to about 39% aliphatic hydrocarbon tackifying resin that is solid above about 37°C
 - c) from 0% to about 0.5% anti-oxidant
 - d) from about 20% to about 52% absorbent powder selected from the group consisting of NaCMC pectin, powdered cellulose, pregelatinized starch, powdered fillers, fibers, absorbents, and super absorbents
 - e) from about 3% to about 12% plasticizer
 - f) from 0% to about 6% tackifier with softening point below about 37°C
 - g) from 0% to about 25% NaCMC with degree of substitution above 1.0
 - h) from 0% to about 6% powdered cellulose

wherein the probe tack force in grams is in the range of 400-750, saline absorbency is in the range of about 500-5000g/m²/d, and tensile strength is in the range of about 500-3500 g/cm².